(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has sent all required information to the Central Water Commission on the "Bhima Lift Irrigation Project" in Mahboobnagar District;

(b) whether Central Water Commission has since taken any decision on the project; and

(c) whether this project is proposed to be included in the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Bhima Lift Irrigation Project estimated to cost Rs. 359 crores received in the Central Watre Commission in May, 1991 has been sent back to the State Government in August, 1991 for establishing water availability on a long-term basis. The State Government is required to comply with the above observations.

(c) While the strategy for VIII Plan is to give priority to the completion of on-going projects, it is for the State Government to consider inclusion of the project in the VIII Plan, keeping in view the availability of the resources and interse priority.

Flood Protective Embankments in Andhra Pradesh

3481. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to convene an Inter State Meeting with Madhya Pradesh and Orissa to expedite their concurrence for the provision of flood protective embankments in connection with Polavaram Project in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what action Government have taken on this request; and

(c) the full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Faliure of Tubewell Pumps in Punjab

3482. SHRI BALBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that another 10 years most of Punjab's centrifugal pumps will fail to pump water because of water tubewells receding at a fast pace; if not, what petcentage of tubewells will get affected;

(b) if the reply to part (a) is in affirmative, how the Punjab farmers will install sub-merciable motors at additional capital expenditure of Rs. 30,00,000, crores; whether Government are thinking of subsidising this huge expenditure; and

(c) whether it is a fact that Punjab will need three times more electricity to run sub-merciable motors; if not, what are the facts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) The State Government has reported that in another 10 years about 5 to 10 per cent of tubewells in Punjab may get affected due to receding water table and have tentatively estimated that on expenditure of about Rs. 2,000 crores will be required to replace centrifugal pump operated tubewells by submercible pump operated tubewells which may require two to three times more electricity.